

Applicant or Patentee: **Caleb Eby** Docket No.: 436-003  
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Filed or Issued: herewith  
For: TOP-LOADING CONTAINER AND COVER ASSEMBLY FOR  
COLLECTING, STORING, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTING  
BULK MATERIALS

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled and described in **TOP-LOADING CONTAINER AND COVER ASSEMBLY FOR COLLECTING, STORING, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTING BULK MATERIALS**

☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application Serial No. , filed  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

I, **Caleb Eby**, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America residing at 12675 Mercersburg Road, Greencastle, Pennsylvania 17225, that I have reviewed and understand the foregoing specification and claims, and that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

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and described and claimed therein; that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States except as follows: None.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and belief are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney and this petition.

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